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Dallas County District Attorney's Office
U Visa Nonimmigrant Status Certification Policy

The Dallas County District Attorney's Office ("DCDAO") encourages victims to report crimes, contribute to investigations, and assist prosecutions regardless of immigration status. The DCDAO encourages those who believe they are eligible for a U Visa to request certification of a USCIS Form I-918 Supplement B, U Nonimmigrant Status Certification (Form I-918B).

Immigrants, especially women and children, can be particularly vulnerable to crimes like human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault, and other abuse due to a variety of factors. These include, but are not limited to, language barriers, separation from family and friends, lack of understanding of U.S. laws, fear of deportation, and cultural differences.

The U Visa is an immigration benefit that can be sought by victims of certain crimes who are currently assisting or have previously assisted law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of a crime, or who are likely to be helpful in the investigation or prosecution of criminal activity. The U Visa provides eligible victims with nonimmigrant status in order to remain temporarily in the United States (U.S.) while assisting law enforcement. If certain conditions are met, an individual with U Nonimmigrant Status may adjust to lawful permanent resident status.

DCDAO will certify cases in which we can confirm that a victim is currently assisting or has previously assisted in the investigation or prosecution of crime, or is likely to be helpful in the investigation or prosecution of crime. DCDAO will use records, case files, and prosecutor and advocate notes to confirm cooperation.

"Assisting" or being "helpful" includes, but is not limited to: communicating in person or through correspondence with DCDAO advocates, staff and prosecutors, providing information, supplementing police reports and recorded statements, or testifying in trials and hearings when reasonably requested. **DCDAO will not certify Supplement B requests for those not assisting or being helpful to the investigations or prosecutions of crime.**

DCDAO will exercise its discretion to certify U Visa requests on a case-by-case basis, consistent with applicable U.S. laws and regulations and the policies and procedures of the Department of Homeland Security. DCDAO may withdraw or disavow a certification of Form I-918B if an eligible victim stops cooperating before or after the disposition of a case.

DCDAO will only certify a U Visa one time per eligible victim, eligible immediate family member or indirect victim.



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Offenses that Constitute a Qualifying Crime for the Purpose of a U Visa

Abduction	Abusive Sexual Contact	Blackmail
Domestic Violence	Extortion	False Imprisonment
Felonious Assault	Female Genital Mutilation	Being Held Hostage
Incest	Involuntary Servitude	Kidnapping
Manslaughter	Murder	Obstruction of Justice
Peonage	Perjury	Prostitution
Rape	Sexual Assault	Sexual Exploitation
Slave Trade	Torture	Trafficking
Witness Tampering	Unlawful Criminal Restraint	Other Related Crimes*†


*Includes any similar activity where the elements of the crime are substantially similar.

†Also includes attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit any of the above, and other related crimes.

DCDAO only accepts written requests for U Visa certification.

Victims requesting a Form I-918B Certification should send their written request to:

**Dallas County District Attorney's Office
Family Violence Division –10th Floor
133 North Riverfront Blvd LB19
Dallas, TX 75207**


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